

CALEB: GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN

Joshua 14:12

Josh 14:12 *Now therefore give me this mountain, ...*

Gen 13:18 *Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in **Hebron**, and built there an altar unto the LORD.*

Hebron: Abraham built altar after given promise

Burial site of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the cave of Machpelah.

Now in wilderness of Paran, South of Canaan (Palestine).

Reconnaissance mission.

Num 13:16 ... *And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua.*

Oshea – signifies prayer for salvation, “Save Thou.”

Joshua: signifies promise of salvation, “He will save” in answer to prayer.

Type of Jesus

Jesus: taken from “Joshua.”

Jehoshua: Savior of God’s people from power of Canaan

Jesus: Savior from powers of Hell.

Moses gave 2 tasks to accomplish while spying out land:

1. Check out the land (18-20)

2. Check out the people

Num 13:30 *And Caleb stilled the people ...*

40 years pass----Josh 14:6-14

Josh 14:12 *Now therefore give me this mountain, ...*

Josh 14:13 *And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance.*

Caleb: tribe of Judah (Num 13:6). Son of Jephun’neh. Name means bold, impetuous.

Char Sketches, p.76

Born – slave on hot plains of Egypt.

38 years old when Jehovah delivered His people

Observed:

God open Red Sea and close it to drown Egyptian armies.

Holiness of God at Sinai when law given.

Observed disobedience from his brethren.

Embarrassed by their petty complaints.

Grieved when they rebelled against Moses

Knew greatest trial was his own peoples’ unbelief.

Problem: When got back from reconnaissance mission .. other spies filled ears of people with negative input:

“Too many people....”

“Giants”

“Cities built like fortresses

“Much stronger than we are.”

Caleb 85 years old.

God permitted Israel to enter promised land.

New generation replaced old and faithless generation.

Land conquered in 7 years.

Nowtime to divide land among tribes and root out remaining Canaanites

Before first lot drawn, Caleb makes a request of Joshua: *Give me this mountain!*

Why this mountain?

City of Hebron.

Grapes, pomegranates, figs, clear mountain springs.

View of inheritance that Lord promised.

Abraham built altar after promise given.

Burial site of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Char Sk: *“This was a special mountain to Caleb. It reminded him of the faith of his fathers who feared the Lord and were buried there. This was to be his home, and he wanted to demonstrate the power of God to his family by possessing it.”*

Why God use Caleb? Consistent, godly character and a man of vision.

I. Character

A. Man of Courage – persevered when others were discouraged

B. Man of Complete Obedience (6 times in Josh 14)

C. Man of Great Faith

Refused to be discouraged by evil report

Never lost sight of promises of God!

Now, therefore, give me this mountain!

Burning desire to see God’s power demonstrated!

II. Vision

No one ever been greatly used of God who didn’t have a desire to see God’s power demonstrated.

No one ever been greatly used of God who didn’t have a desire to do great things for God!